

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2014

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to flight delays on July 8, 2014, I was absent from votes in the House. I, therefore, missed rollcall votes 369 and 370. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 369 and "aye" on rollcall No. 370.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,591,098,482,428.39. We've added \$6,964,221,433,515.31 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.9 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION FOR MAGGIE MOLLOY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HEAD START CHILD-PARENT CENTERS, INC.

HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2014

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maggie Molloy, who is retiring after 40 years as executive director of the Tucson-based Head Start Child-Parent Centers, Inc.

Maggie began her career in early childhood as an intern at Arizona State University in its early childhood center. In 1972, while working on her master's degree in early childhood education and family development, she responded to an opening for a teacher position at Child Development Centers, a Tucson-based non-profit and delegate agency for Head Start programs in Tucson.

Maggie started as education director of the program, when I served as executive director. In 1974, when I transitioned to a new position, Maggie was named executive director—a position she has held for the past four decades.

Under her leadership, Child-Parent Centers has become the largest provider of Head Start services in Southern Arizona, growing to 43 locations spread across five Arizona counties. The agency has a sweeping vision: Strong communities filled with successful families and children. That includes a commitment to en-

sure that all eligible families—including the children of migrant/seasonal workers and children with disabilities—receive the education, nutrition and family support services Head Start provides.

Maggie has provided dynamic leadership for an agency that now has more than 500 employees. She leads a volunteer-based board of directors that incorporates members from the community with backgrounds in fiscal management, early childhood education and legal practices and procedures.

I am proud to recognize Maggie Molloy—a visionary leader, an enthusiastic and passionate advocate and change agent for thousands of Southern Arizona children and their families.

SUPPORT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 657

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2014

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this statement is to highlight my support of House Resolution 657 which passed by unanimous consent on July 11, 2014. Had I been able to, I would have co-sponsored this resolution. I firmly support Israel's right to defend itself against the unprovoked rocket attacks from the Hamas terrorist organization. I condemn these attacks on our Israeli friends and call on Hamas to immediately cease all rocket fire and other attacks against Israel. Israel remains a vital ally of the United States in the Middle East, and it is in the best interest of both countries to maintain our cooperation and support.

HONORING JON MEIS

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2014

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a young man from my district who is truly a hero. On June 5, 2014, Seattle Pacific University was faced with tragedy when a shooter opened fire in one of the university's residence halls. A student was killed, and it was only thanks to the actions of Jon Meis from Renton, Washington, that more lives were not taken.

Mr. Meis is himself a student at SPU and when he was placed in a dangerous situation, he gave no thought to his own life. Instead, he acted to protect his fellow students by pepper-spraying and tackling the gunman, allowing the police enough time to get to campus and take control of the situation.

As a former police officer, I know just how critical Mr. Meis's actions were in apprehending the shooter and saving lives. I am so

proud of this young man: for his courage, his dedication to his community, his selflessness. I am proud of the way our greater Seattle community has banded together to support the SPU community during this difficult time, and I mourn with them for the young man who died that day. As Mr. Meis himself pointed out, it takes a tragedy to make a hero. I know we all wish such an event had never taken place, but Mr. Meis ensured that further tragedy was prevented. So, once again, I thank him and I honor him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NATIONAL FREIGHT NETWORK TRUST FUND ACT OF 2014

HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 14, 2014

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the National Freight Network Trust Fund Act of 2014 to provide a guaranteed, dedicated funding source, at no additional expense to taxpayers, to serve our nation's freight movement.

The Port of Los Angeles is in my backyard and when I came to Congress, I was surprised that there was a lack of focus on ports and freight transportation in general. One of the reasons I cofounded the PORTS Caucus is to educate Members about the importance of freight transportation to our nation's economy.

We are a consumer economy. Whether it is a "mom and pop" store on the corner or a large retailer like Target, we don't think twice when we go to these stores to purchase groceries, toys, or clothing. When we go to the store, we expect that milk and the Barbie dolls are on the shelf.

We also want to ensure that goods Made in America—including manufacturing and agriculture—are able to be shipped efficiently across our nation's highways and rail to our ports for export, which is crucial to our nation's continued economic success.

Ultimately, in MAP-21—our last surface transportation bill—we were successful in including provisions to start the conversation about developing a national freight transportation network.

The problem is that today there is not enough funds to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent—let alone have the necessary investment to modernize and increase the efficiency of our freight network. That will not keep our economy global competitive as we continue progressing through the 21st Century.

For example, goods that leave the Port of Los Angeles take 48 hours to arrive in Chicago and takes 30 hours to travel across the city. This bottleneck is unacceptable and means higher costs for consumers, more congestion, more pollution, and less jobs. The bottom line is that we need to fund our nation's freight network.

If we fail to fund our ports, we will lose our competitive edge and add costs to our goods.

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